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Dear Cary,

I have finally decided that although I do not have the time, I must organize my files. It will be a piecemeal thing. This is the last day I will devote largely to it and I hope to complete only the new material of which you have copies. Little by little, however, I will do all of it except what I have published. I really should not be taking the time, for I should have already begun the additions to COUP, for Lil to retype in my absence, and the preparations for the coming trip.

Playboy has said no on Coup. My meeting with the other magazine, with Bud, two days ago, was as encouraging as it could be. I believe the chances are very slight. I have another meeting with them when the writer has cleaned up his current assignments, about the time I return from the trip. I cannot use their name. Playboy said there was no part they couldxx adequately cover in their max. 5,000 words.

None of my indirections with Penabez have clicked. I do not expect to be able to get a great deal more anyway. But I'm working three ways.

Prock: I should have though to ask about the young ones in N.O. in early 63, perhaps sooner, possibly later, particularly Philip GeraciIII, and his juvenile group, the Maurauders.

Im have not tried Saga (because they will not pay enough) or True, where I'd need an agent or time I do not have. They wouldn't go for WHITEWASH.

Any suggestions you may have on the ExSess will be helpful. I think I'll eventually have to do the three-part boo, including them, we discussed. I could do it pretty fast.

The Castorrs have been my friends for a year and a half. They have and hold the strange beliefs of the ultraconservatives, but they are sincere and honest and friendly - and they have been unnecessarily and wrongly hurt.

There is nothing that can be done about the office problems. You did not correctly understand me some time ago, for I have been doing what you now suggest, with this exception, I keep Louis generally posted and what seems of current need to them I do send. They have just done the very same thing, all over again, with the NSRP stuff. I never even told you the informant's name. They have now released that and his connection. He will be fortunate to live. They have just broken their thrice-pledged solemn word, Jim's twice, on Philip, and I do hope they don't wind up ruining what I had so much completed there. I am almost out of touch. I've just informed them of my plans for going there, where I'll be, and offering to undertake any work. I expect no answer.

I believe I've sent you my last exchange with Healy, T-P. Here are the two stories if I didn't send earlier. I think there is libel here. Can't sue, for lack money-lawyer. Normally there is nothing in TP not better in States.

All you can do with Martin is what you can. He owes me a print. I paid. If the Alyea film, which has not yet been returned, does not reach here before I leave I'll bring it back with me or send from there. I'm making negatives of the 133A I have and have already sought earlier generation. I expect to use that and the work Newcomb did for me in AGENT OSWALD or magazine or both. If I can. Interfering with Mark and not use makes no sense. I suspect the trouble was not sinsiter but in his mike or its cord or connection. Maybe hot. Other side nuts.

Hurriedly,